
Federal Communications Commission

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Hill Country Broadcasting, LLC)	File No.: EB-FIELDSCR-14-00016574
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Licensee of Station KFAN-FM)	NOV No.: V201432540014
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Johnson City, Texas)	Facility ID: 22671
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: August 11, 2014

By the Resident Agent, Houston Office, South Central Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules (Rules)¹ to Hill Country Broadcasting, LLC, licensee of FM broadcast station KFAN-FM in Johnson City, Texas. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation(s) noted herein.²

2. On July 21, 2014, agents of the Enforcement Bureau's Houston Office inspected the studio of station KFAN-FM in Johnson City, Texas and observed the following violations:

- a. 47 C.F.R. § 11.52(d)(2): "Emergency Alert System (EAS) participants must comply with the following monitoring requirement: With respect to monitoring EAS messages formatted in accordance with the specifications set forth in § 11.56(a)(2), EAS Participants' EAS equipment must interface with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to enable... the distribution of Common Alert Protocol (CAP)-formatted alert messages from the IPAWS system to EAS Participants' EAS equipment." At the time of inspection the EAS unit installed at the station had not been updated to comply with the requirements for the Common Alerting Protocol.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

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- b. 47 C.F.R. § 73.1820(a)(1)(iii): Station log. All stations: “The following must be entered: An entry of each test and activation of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) pursuant to the requirement of part 11 of this chapter and the EAS Operating Handbook. Stations may keep EAS data in a special EAS log which shall be maintained at a convenient location; however, this log is considered a part of the station log.” At the time of inspection only a few EAS test entries could be found for the prior two month period.

3. As the nation’s emergency warning system, the Emergency Alert System is critical to public safety, and we recognize the vital role that broadcasters play in ensuring its success. The Commission takes seriously any violations of the Rules implementing the EAS and expects full compliance from its regulatees.

4. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Hill Country Broadcasting, LLC must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.⁴

5. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct Hill Country Broadcasting, LLC to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Hill Country Broadcasting, LLC with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Hill Country Broadcasting, LLC’s response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,⁵ and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee’s possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.⁶

6. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

³ 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

⁵ Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that “[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : ‘I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)’.” 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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7. This Notice shall be sent to Hill Country Broadcasting, LLC at its address of record.

8. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).